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Dear Dr. Henney:

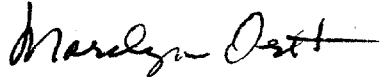
I am writing to urge you to direct your staff to collect and publicly report on a regular basis the quantity of antibiotics used in U.S. agricultural operations.

Recent estimates that 70% of all antibiotics used are given to healthy domestic livestock – cows, chickens and hogs – just to encourage more rapid growth are outrageous. With an increasing number of microbes developing resistance to antibiotics and the resulting threat to human health, your office must take the lead on this critical issue.

Southeastern Ohio is a rural area with many farms – I'm sure our water supplies are contaminated with these products in addition to the developing resistance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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